

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Julia Mosley

*Call 301-773-7891 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.*

The Mayor was away, so look for FYI next month.



Happy Holidays!

December 26th and January 2nd.

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
NO TRASH PICKUP**



**HOLIDAY GIFTS TO
EMPLOYEES**

In the past, some residents have expressed their appreciation to the public works employees for their service by giving them various gifts during the holidays (sometimes alcohol). Town policy prohibits employees from accepting and transporting alcoholic beverages. Residents are asked to send any holiday gifts for employees to the Town Office to be divided equally among the workers. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

**HOLIDAY HOUSE
DECORATING CONTEST**

The holiday spirit in Cheverly is something to boast about. We are very fortunate to have many families who decorate their homes, giving the town a colorful glow of lights and holiday cheer. Every year the Mayor and Council sponsor a decorating contest to recognize the efforts of our residents.

The judging will be **December 27th**, from **7:00-10:00PM.**

YOUR HOUSE NUMBER
MUST BE VISIBLE FROM THE CURB.

The judges pick the ***TOP 20 BEST IN TOWN*** houses.

All the winners will be announced at the January Town Meeting and receive a certificate.

CHEVERLY'S RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES

REMINDER: The 2007 stickers will be available in January at the **Police Department**. Bring the current **REGISTRATION** for any cars you are getting stickers for. Your car must be registered at your Cheverly address. **Cost \$1.00.**



Message from the Chief

(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

Buddy Robshaw

CRIME IN CHEVERLY – First, I would like to thank every person who came to the C-PACT November crime meeting. Major Kevin Davis, Commander of the County's Hyattsville District Station, gave a very informative talk about regional crime issues and how they might affect Cheverly. In addition, homicide investigators from the County's Criminal Investigations Division discussed their investigation into the homicide that occurred at the Howard Johnsons Motel on November 12, and provided an update of their investigation of a homicide that occurred in Tuxedo at the end of October. Both of these deaths do not appear to be random acts of violence, although the relationship between the victims and suspects is not specifically known at this time.

Second, although crime in October dropped back to 1987 levels, the CPD and Town residents cannot rest on our laurels. We still have the occasional night-time burglary or robbery, and it actually matters very little that the surrounding areas are plagued with even greater problems than our own. A typical question I get from residents is, what we can specifically do to reduce crime. My answer is the following:

1. Report all suspicious persons and curfew violators immediately to 301-333-4000. If you see what you believe to be a crime in-progress, please call 9-1-1. Give as much information as possible to the call taker and provide your telephone number so that we can ask you specific questions. The CPD still maintains your confidentiality at all times.
2. Ride along with the CPD and add your local knowledge and your eyes to law enforcement. Give me a call if you want to ride along during our enforcement actions. You really can make a difference.
3. Get a free home anti-burglary home inspection. At the very least, illuminate the front and rear of your house during all nighttime hours and keep your doors and windows locked. Debriefings from some of our burglary suspects revealed they specifically targeted homes without lights.
4. Employ The Club whenever your vehicle is parked. We had no stolen vehicles in Cheverly in October, and in large measure, this is due to conscientious residents.
5. If you are going out of Town, tell your neighbors and call the CPD for a House Check while you are gone.
6. If you have questions about a crime issue, do not just email your friends or a local blog, email me directly and get the facts. I can be reached at policechief@cheverly-md.gov.
7. When walking at night, from work or for pleasure, carry your cell telephone and a whistle (provided free from the CPD). If you see something suspicious or if you feel in danger, call 9-1-1 immediately and give your location first. With today's cellular telephone packages, I see many people taking on their cell telephones all the way home or at least in areas where they perceive danger. This is a great idea.

It is very important that every resident of the Town stay informed, not only to benefit your own personal safety, but also to be able to

report suspicious activities as a result of your knowledge of crime issues in the Town.

MEET THE CHIEF – I regularly meet with all kinds of citizen and business groups and I am always available to speak with any resident. If you and a couple of your neighbors want to meet to discuss crime issues, please feel free call me to schedule a visit. I can be contacted at 301-773-8362.

JUVENILE CURFEW ISSUES – A juvenile curfew has been of the County law books for more than 25 years. Although the Cheverly Police have regularly enforced this curfew, we are making the enforcement of this law a real emphasis in light of the recent number of violent crimes perpetrated by local juveniles. The law essentially says:

No person under 17 years may be in a public place from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 AM to 5:00 AM, Friday and Saturday nights, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. There are several caveats to the law that allow some juveniles to stay out without a parent or guardian, but by in large, this law applies to everyone under 17 years of age across the board. If you see a violation, please report it to the Cheverly Police at 301-333-4000. Please tell the call answerer you are reporting a curfew violation.

NEXT C-PACT MEETING – The next C-PACT (Cheverly – Police And Citizens Together) meeting will be scheduled for some time in January 2007, hopefully, in the new police station. Stayed tuned to next month's newsletter and the electronic message board.

REWARD MONEY – The CPD is committed to using every means necessary to close out open investigative cases. In line with this, the Town is offering rewards up to \$1,000.00 for information that leads to the identification of any person committing a crime in Cheverly, with particular attention to the crimes of robbery, burglary, and theft from auto. Please call the office or leave a message on the answering machine – your confidentiality is assured.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS #2

The Cheverly Police Department is looking to sponsor its second Women's Self Defense Class sometime in February 2007 if there is enough interest. Our first class was well attended. There are different levels of participation and instruction is provided for every level of fitness. Please call 301-773-8362 if you have an interest so that we can decide on what type of class to have and on what date.

COMPUTER ISSUES – The CPD does quite a bit of redundant paperwork daily regarding impound notifications to vehicle owners and the court. Daily we must send out certified mail to vehicle owners, lienholders, insurance companies, and the District Court of Maryland as required by Maryland law. Each of these instances now requires a duplicate effort to accomplish and I have become convinced there must be a better way. Anyone with any knowledge of how we can streamline this procedure is certainly encouraged to call me at the CPD (301-773-8362).

MARYLAND LAW QUIZ – WORD MATCH

Please match the crime with the word(s) that best describe it:

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|-------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Robbery | A. Unconsensual Touching |
| 2. Murder | B. Malicious Pursuit |
| 3. Theft | C. Duly Posted |
| 4. Battery | D. Premeditated |
| 5. Trespass | E. Property of Another |
| 6. Stalking | E. Use of Force |

Answers:

- 1, E Robbery requires some use of force in order to obtain goods/money.
2, D Murder is premeditated, deliberate, and willful.
3, E Theft occurs when one takes the property of another.
4, A Battery is the striking on another without consent.
5, C Many laws required the property be posted by signs against trespass.
6, B Stalking is malicious pursuit designed to cause fear in another.

CHEVERLY DAY IS MAY 19.

We're dusting off our notes and getting organized again. We're already well underway and we need your help! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 PM. All are invited. Light dinner is included. We need people for the following roles:

- ☐ Fundraising Assistants
- ☐ Vendor/Info Table Coordinator
- ☐ Activities Coordinator
- ☐ Publicity Coordinator
- ☐ Booth Volunteers
- ☐ Cicada Crunch Race Assistants
- ☐ Race Marshall for Cicada Crunch
- ☐ Cicada Crunch Walk Coordinator
- ☐

Don't wait until the meeting, act now! Please contact Nick if you want to help out. nick@cheverlyday.com or call 301-341-2656.

Cicada Crunch is back! They will need many volunteers, so those interested contact David Rapp at dnrapp@radix.net.

Tennis Tournament? Micah Watson is soliciting input about the possibility of having a Town-wide tennis tournament in the week before or after Cheverly Day. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles, any age range — we can arrange any scenario to meet the demand. Please email Micah at micah@cheverlyday.com if you're interested in planning and/or playing in such a tournament.

RECREATION COUNCIL

There is not meeting in December, the next meeting is January 23, 2007. The Recreation Council wishes everyone very Happy Holidays.

St. Ambrose Athletes Score Big

for Local Food Pantry St. Ambrose CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) student athletes scored big on and off the court during "The Coach's Challenge" tournament held November 11-13 at Fairmont Heights High School.

Spectators were given a discount on admission prices in exchange for providing canned goods or non-perishable items. More than two buckets of food was collected, all of which was donated to the St. Ambrose Food Pantry.

"Our CYO program encourages strong performance on and off the court. We emphasize community service and are very proud to be able to help those in need while still allowing our student athletes to have fun," said Alan Holloway, St. Ambrose CYO Athletic Director.

The first annual "Coach's Challenge" tournament was sponsored by the St. Ambrose CYO program. Fifteen teams from throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area participated in the event. First place trophies were awarded to Team Bullets of Mitchellville in the boys division and Harundale Hornets of Glen Burnie in the girls division, Maryland Flames-Minutemen 12U of Silver Spring Junior Varsity division. Racine Tucker-Hamilton

Concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

The Music Department will present its **Winter Concert on Friday, December 8th** featuring the Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Band, and Concert Band II, along with several of the choirs and vocal ensemble groups. Cheverly students that will be playing are Danny Hallada in CB II, and Rud Moe in SO. The concert begins at **7:30pm in the auditorium** of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. All concerts are free and open to the public.

The annual **Concerto Concert** will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30pm**. This year's performers will be Rianne Esquievel playing a Bocherini Concerto, Sarah Hill performing a Bach Concerto, Emily Lin playing a Mendelssohn Concerto, Daniel McCarthy playing a Telemann Concerto, Paulene Papagiannis performing a Mozart Aria, and Alexander and Kenrick Rilee performing a Hummel Concerto. *Pamela Hutchinson*

Cheverly Parents Resource Center Families & the Arts Night Benefits New Scholarship Fund

Please join the families of CPRC on Thursday, January 18, at Artmosphere Cafe in Mount Rainier for our first Families & the Arts Night benefit. The proceeds from this evening will help CPRC establish a new scholarship fund which will provide opportunities for children from low income families to participate in community activities, such as Boys & Girls Club, scouts, CYAG, and camps. CPRC will receive a percentage of whatever is spent on food & drinks, but this evening is about more than dinner and hanging out. Kids of all ages can display their artwork for the evening, live music will be provided by Kelly Fisher and Charles Andrews of the Cheverly Hot Noodle Concern, and we'll have poetry readings by kids (and adults) of any age who would like to share their original poetry.

If you would like to learn more or get involved with this event, please e-mail Cindy Popol: scholarship@cheverlyparent.org.

Artmosphere Café is located at 3311 Rhode Island Avenue (artmospherecafe.com).

CPRC Playgroups

The Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC) hosts several playgroups each week. We welcome all Cheverly families with young children to join us for Weekday playgroups (Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30-11:30am, at Gast "Cheese" Park in nice weather or at the Community Center in cold or inclement weather), or weekend playgroup, which meets at Gast Park 3:30-5:30pm on Sundays (as long as we can brave the colder weather!) For more information or to join the CPRC listservs, please contact us at cprc@cheverlyparent.org or visit our website: <http://www.cheverlyparent.org>.

CHEVERLY COVERLETS —

\$30.00 100% cotton, 2½ layers, measures approx. 48"x68". The design captures the history and spirit of Cheverly with the depiction of various sites throughout town.



CHEVERLY FLAGS —

\$50.00 at Town Hall.



LEAF COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Vacuum Leaves:

- Rake leaves between the curb and sidewalk - not on the street or sidewalk.
- Keep leaves free of twigs, branches, metal, concrete and other debris that can jam or damage the equipment.
- Please do not park cars on the street on the assigned collection day.
- Please be considerate. Do not rake leaves when it is not your scheduled day. Leaves blow into your neighbors yards.

Bag Leaves: Yard waste is collected on **MON-DAYS**. Put bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Use **CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS** only (sold at Town Hall-\$5 for 50 bags). Yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush, twigs, etc. Do not put any dirt, rocks, or other trash/debris in these bags.

**If you have any questions, please call
Public Works at 301-773-2666.**

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- ☐ **Town Meeting - November 9, 2006**
- ☐ **Worksession - November 30, 2006**

Meetings Agendas are updated on website: www.cheverly-md.gov and on Cheverly cable channel 71.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

- ☐ **Town Meeting—December 14**

Meetings & Events

Sun Dec10 12-6 PM Women's Club Xmas Party
 Mon Dec 11 7:00PM Planning Board
 Tue Dec 12 7:30PM Cheverly Day Comm
Thur Dec 14 8-10PM TOWN MEETING
 Mon Dec 18 7-9 PM 4th Ward Civic Assoc
 Tue Dec 19 8-10 PM Boys & Girls Club Board
Mon Dec 25 Christmas (bldg closed)
 Tue Dec 26 7:30 PM METRO TaskForce
 Thur Dec 28 8PM Worksession
Mon Jan 1 New Years (bldg closed)
 Tue Jan 2 8-10PM Boys & Girls Club Exec. Bd.
 Thur Jan 4 7-10 PM Worksession
 Tue Jan 9 7:30 PM Cheverly Day Committee
Thur Jan 11 8:00 PM TOWN MEETING

CPRC playgroup meets in the Gym on **Tue & Fri.** (9:30-11:30am) when temperatures are under 65°. Cancelled when the building is closed or an event or work is scheduled.

Recreation Council sponsored MNCPPC classes held at the Community Center Gym:

- **Karate** on Monday evening 7-11 PM
- **Boys & Girls Club B-ball** Mon-Fri 5-11 PM starting 12/12/06 (Except 12/14/06)
- Boys & Girls Club B-ball on Saturday 8am - 9pm
- **Soccer Club** 12-4 PM on Sunday
- **Adult Soccer** 4-6 PM on Sunday

Call 301-445-4500 for info (or) www.pgparcs.com.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE
MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue & yellow bins)
THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
 Residents should not leave trash at the curb except after 7:00PM the day before your pickup.

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on Holidays are **CANCELLED**.

NEW CHEVERLY WEBSITE

cheverly-md.gov

The town has inaugurated a new website at the above address. **CHECK IT OUT!**

You can now easily contact the Mayor and Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor and Council page of the website.

New email address:

Mayor@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward2@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward3@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward4@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward5@cheverly-md.gov
 Councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov

Cheverly Newsletter



The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Mayor: Julia Mosley 301-773-7891
 Ward 1:
 Ward 2: Micah Watson 301-322-8482
 Ward 3: Norman Oslak 301-322-5272
 Ward 4: Leon Schachter 301-772-6244
 Ward 5: Gbola Oladele 301-772-8343
 Ward 6: Vincent L. Ford 301-341-0810

Email contact links at the website

Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration **301-773-8360**
 Police Admin & Code Enforcement **301-773-8362**
 Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4) **301-773-2666**
 (TDD) 301-773-8363
 FAX 301-773-0173

If you need a Police Officer call: 301-333-4000

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